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3731**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In regard to the application of: Amir LOSHAKOVE et al.

Serial No : 09/936,789

Group Art Unit: 3731

Filed : September 17, 2001

Examiner: JACKSON, G.

For : VASCULAR CLOSURE DEVICE

**FOURTH SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Applicants respectfully direct the attention of the Examiner to additional art cited with respect to U.S. Application No. 09/936,789 which is a U.S. National Phase of PCT/IL99/00674, which is a continuation-in-part of PCT application No. PCT/IL99/000284, now U.S. application No. 09/701,531, PCT application No. PCT/IL99/00285, now U.S. application No. 09/701,523, and PCT application No. PCT/IL99/00670.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to review and consider this art, in accordance with MPEP 2001.06, MPEP 1893.03(e) and MPEP 1893.03(g) and to indicate in the next office action that he has considered this art. Additionally, the Examiner is respectfully requested to cite those prior art publications mentioned in this application which the Examiner considers to be material or relevant to the present claims.

Further, in order to comply with discretionary regulations 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, attached is an Equivalent to Form PTO-1449 listing the cited art. Also attached are copies<sup>1</sup> of the art. This art contains information which the Examiner may consider to be important in deciding whether to allow the present application to issue as a patent.

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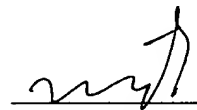
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The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR 1.56 as an Examiner might consider any cited document important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, but the citation of each document is not to be construed as an admission that such document is necessarily relevant or prior art. No representation is intended that the cited documents represent the results of a complete search, and it is anticipated that the Examiner in the normal course of examination, will make an independent search and will determine the best prior art consistent with 37 CFR 1.104(a), and in the course of such search will review for relevance every document cited on the attached form.

Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amir Loshakove, et al.

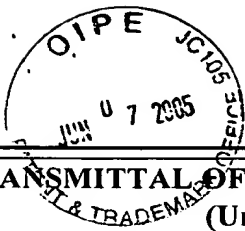


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**TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
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Title: VASCULAR CLOSURE DEVICE

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**37 CFR 1.97(b)**

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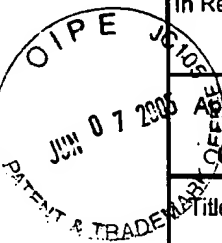
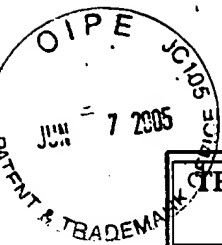
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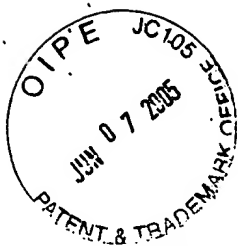
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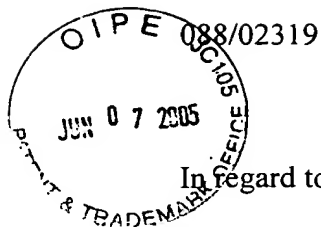
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**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(e)**

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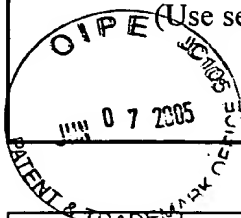
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